



8:00 a.m. Registration / Exhibit Area Open (Convention Area Entryway)

9:00 a.m. Opening Session (Thoroughbred 1-3)

Roger Thomas – Opening Remarks & Introduction

Chris Chinn – Keynote Speaker

Past Chairman of AFBF Young Farmer & Rancher Committee

10:20 a.m. Panel Session: Ask the Board (Thoroughbred 1-3)

Kentucky Agricultural Development Board

Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation

During this session, you will meet some of the members of both the Agricultural Development Board and Agricultural Finance Corporation. Microphones will be provided for you to ask members of either Board questions of concern to you and Kentucky agriculture.

11:30 a.m. Awards Luncheon (Heritage Ballroom)

Featured Guest Speakers:

Richie Farmer, Commissioner of Agriculture

Roger Thomas, Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy

Awards to be presented:

2008 District County Council Members of the Year

2008 Extension Agent of the Year

2008 Outstanding Model Program Administrator

2008 Innovations in Agriculture Awards (KADB & KAFC)

2008 KAFC Lender of the Year

1:15 p.m. Breakout Session 1

Model Program Forum (Thoroughbred 4)

Michael Judge, Director of Operations

Kylee Smith, Senior Compliance Specialist

Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy

This forum provide the opportunity for input to proposed changes to the current Agricultural Development Fund model programs.

The Role of the County Council & Extension Service (Thoroughbred 5)

Todd Harp, Senior Project Analyst

Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy

Dr. Jimmy Henning, Associate Dean of Extension

UK College of Agriculture

This session will cover the partnership between the County Agricultural Development Councils and the County Cooperative Extension Service. The role of each is vital to the continued success of the agricultural development process.

Agriculture's Role in Energy Development (Thoroughbred 6)

Roger Thomas, Executive Director

Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy

Frank Moore, Director of Biofuels Development

Kentucky Energy & Environment Cabinet

Scott Maas, Business/Cooperative Specialist

USDA Rural Development

(Agriculture’s Role... cont.)

Discussion of how agriculture should play a role in the development of renewable fuels and how Kentucky farms may benefit. Participant discussion and questions are encouraged.

KAFC 101 / Farm Economy Outlook (Thoroughbred 7)

Bill McCloskey, Director of Financial Services
Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation

Dr. Will Snell, Extension Professor
UK College of Agriculture

An overview of KAFC programs available for farmers to use as a financial management tool and for lenders to build their agriculture portfolios. Dr. Snell will give an overview of the outlook for the U.S. and Kentucky farm economies.

2:30 p.m. Breakout Session 2

Model Program Forum (Thoroughbred 4)

Repeated Session

Leadership Panel (Thoroughbred 5)

Susie Tanner, Director of Youth Development
Kentucky Farm Bureau

Dr. Will Snell, Co-director
Kentucky Agricultural Leadership Program

Larry Snell, Executive Director
Kentucky Center for Agricultural & Rural Development

This panel session will provide participants with an overview of leadership and community development programs in the Commonwealth and how one can get involved. Participant discussion and questions are encouraged.

Compliance Corner (Thoroughbred 6)

Diane Fleming, General Counsel
Kylee Smith, Senior Compliance Coordinator
Governor’s Office of Agricultural Policy

This session will focus on topics of interest to county model program administrators, as well as projects receiving Agricultural Development Funds.

Exploring KAFC’s Beginning Farmer Program (Thoroughbred 7)

David & Michael Ross, Woodford County farmers

Michael Duckworth, Senior Vice President / Agricultural relations Officer
Citizens Commerce National Bank

Rick Costin, Kentucky Farm Business Management Specialist
Lincoln Trail Farm Analysis Group

Keith Jeffries, Attorney
Jeffries Law Offices, PLLC

This session will explore the Beginning Farm Loan Program available through the Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation. A variety of issues to consider will be discussed in relation to transitioning the family farm to the next generation.

3:45 p.m. Closing Session (Thoroughbred 1-3)

Kentucky Farms Are Fun: A Taste of Kentucky Proud Partnership

Stephen P. Yates, Director of Agritourism
Kentucky Department of Agriculture

Carl Chaney, Chairman/Owner
Agritourism Council/Chaney’s Dairy Barn

An update on the state of Kentucky’s growing agritourism industry and the unveiling of the “A Taste of Kentucky Proud” video—a joint effort between Kentucky Proud and Kentucky Farms Are Fun.

Executive Director’s Report – Roger Thomas
